

Arlington Town Meeting Voting Results 05/14/2014

**2014 Annual Town Meeting (Sixth Session)
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

Annual Town Meeting

Articles Voted: 30, 33, 35-56

ARTICLE 30 CAPITAL BUDGET

**VOTED: DECLARED 2/3RD VOTE – (QUORUM PRESENT – MORE THAN
85 TMM PRESENT AND VOTING)
(AFFIRMATIVE – 172, NEGATIVE – 7)**

(1) That the sum of \$9,918,358 be and hereby is appropriated for various capital projects and equipment as shown below, and expended under the director of the Town Manager, said sum to be raised by general tax.

(2) That the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below shall be undertaken and financed by grants or other funds as shown below, such grants to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

(3) That the sum of \$12,568,705 be and hereby is appropriated for extraordinary repairs to public facilities, acquisition of land and the purchase and installation of equipment and for costs incidental and related thereto as follows:

And that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow not exceeding the sum of \$12,568,705 under and pursuant to the statutes cited above (requires a 2/3 vote), and any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

(4) That the Town Manager is authorized and directed to apply for and accept any further federal, state or other grants that may be available for any one or more of the foregoing projects and equipment.

(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that monies are not expended for the purposes delineated above then the Comptroller is authorized and directed not to transfer these excess funds to available funds, but said funds shall remain and be accounted for in the warrant article pending further vote of the Town Meeting, except as otherwise provided by law, and,

(6) That any amounts appropriated under Section (3) above for a particular purpose under a specified section of Chapter 44 and not needed for such purpose may be expended by the Town Manager, with the approval of the Capital Planning Committee, for any other purpose listed in Section (3) above under the same section of Chapter 44.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 30 of the Warrant for the**

Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 12, 2014.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 33 APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION
OR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND
WATER FACILITIES**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$750,000 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$750,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager be and hereby are authorized to enter into any agreements they determine to be necessary in connection with the project and its financing and are further authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation any grants that may become available from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or other sources.

A true copy of the vote under
Article 33 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 35 APPROPRIATION/COMMITTEES AND
COMMISSIONS**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$37,535 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the following commissions, committees, and boards in the amounts indicated:

A. Arlington Historical Commission – \$2,160

B. Historic District Commissions – \$5,100

(Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission and Mount Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission)

C. Capital Planning Committee – \$0

D. Commission on Disability – \$3,000

E. Recycling Committee – \$3,000

F. Human Rights Commission – \$4,500

G. Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee - \$1,775

H. Vision 2020 - \$3,000 (9-8)

I. Transportation Advisory Committee - \$15,000

Said sums to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the various commissions, committees and boards.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 35 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 36 APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

The sum of \$10,167 be and hereby is appropriated for the following celebrations and memorials in the amounts indicated:

A. Veterans' Day Parade, Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots' Day Celebration. - \$5,667

B. 2014 Town Day Celebration - \$0

C. Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue - \$0

D. Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans - \$4,500

Said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 36 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 37 APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS
VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

The sum of \$8,014 be and hereby is appropriated for the following purposes:

A. Legal Defense - To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13 of Title I of the Town By-Laws - \$0

B. Indemnification of Medical Costs – \$8,014

(To indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred during the previous calendar year that are the proximate result of the disability for which they were retired; and to defray the expenses of the Medical Panel required by law; provided, incurred expenses shall be considered for indemnification thereunder except only those such as are excess over covered benefits of any plan of Hospital, Surgical or other coverage which the retiree has or had available to him, either directly or through a member of his immediate family, which benefits shall be considered primary, and which must be disclosed by such plan, or by the physician, hospital or other medical personnel or facility with or without the consent of the retiree.)

Said sums to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 37 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 38 APPROPRIATION/ELIMINATION OF
EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS FEE IN
ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

VOTED: (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 38.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 38 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 39 APPROPRIATION/WATER BODIES FUND

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$40,000 be and hereby is appropriated to the Water Bodies Fund for the purpose of testing, maintaining, treating and oversight of the Town's water bodies. Said sum to be raised by the general taxes and expended under the direction of the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall report to the next Annual Town Meeting on the status of the water bodies of the Town.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 39 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 40 APPROPRIATION/HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY
SERVICE PROGRAM**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$7,500 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of conducting the Harry Barber Community Service Program; said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 40 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 41 APPROPRIATION/RESTORATION OF UNCLE SAM
HISTORIC SITE SIGNAGE**

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 41.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 41 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the**

**Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 42 APPROPRIATION/RESTORATION OF UNCLE SAM TO
TOWN STATIONERY**

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 42.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 42 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 43 APPROPRIATION/HOLIDAY LIGHTS FOR UNCLE
SAM PLAZA**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 43.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 43 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 44 APPROPRIATION/HISTORIC TOWN SITES' SIGNAGE

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 44.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 44 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 45 APPROPRIATION/OLD BURYING GROUND REPAIRS

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 45

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 45 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 46 APPROPRIATION/BATTLE ROAD SCENIC BYWAY:
ROAD TO REVOLUTIONS**

VOTED: (AFFIRMATIVE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to support activities specified by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Arlington, the Town of Lexington, the Town of Lincoln, the Town of Concord, and the Minute Man National Historical Park for the purpose of establishing a management entity for The Battle Road Scenic Byway: Road to Revolutions. Said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 46 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 47 APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR
FORMER TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ACCIDENTAL
DISABILITY EMPLOYEES**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$0 be and hereby is appropriated to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension, without this vote, upon their retirement. This adjustment to be paid to those who qualify, and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Retirement Board.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 47 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 48 APPROPRIATION/OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Town takes the following actions:

- (a) appropriates into said Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund (OPEB), authorized by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, the sum of \$412,877 representing that amount of money that is the difference between the previously established base amount of \$500,000 and the fiscal 2015 appropriation for the non-contributory pension obligation; said sum to be raised by the general tax;**
- (b) appropriates into said fund the sum of \$155,000 representing the increased share of retiree HMO contributions as voted by the Board of Selectmen on November 6, 2006; said sum to be raised by the general tax.**
- (c) appropriates into said fund the sum of \$300,000 to be transferred from the remaining balance in the health benefit trust fund.**

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 48 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 49 ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/INCREASE
MINIMUM ALLOWANCE CONTAINED IN
G.L. c. 32, § 12**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011, Section 29 and 30, to allow the minimum allowance contained in G.L. c. 32, § 12 to be increased from \$250 to \$500 per month.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 49 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 50 APPROPRIATION/LONG TERM STABILIZATION
FUND**

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$100,000 be and hereby is appropriated to the Long Term Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised by general tax.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 50 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 51 APPROPRIATION/OVERLAY RESERVE

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$350,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be transferred from Overlay Reserve Surplus Accounts of previous fiscal years, said sum to be utilized in the determination of the tax rate.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 51 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 52 TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Town transfers \$150,000 to the Cemetery Commissioners for the care of Town cemeteries and \$10,000 to the Capital Budget for headstone cleaning and repair, said sums shall be taken from the Perpetual Care Fund; and \$225,000 to the Capital Budget from the Sale of Lots and Graves.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 52 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 53 USE OF FREE CASH

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$3,042,925 be taken from available funds in the treasury, and that the Board of Assessors is instructed to use said amount in the determination of the tax rate.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 53 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 54 RESOLUTION/TOWN MEETING ELECTRONIC
VOTING**

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

RESOLVED: The Town of Arlington Town Meeting hereby adopts the use of an electronic tally and display system for voting in future Town Meetings.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 54 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 55 APPROPRIATION/ELECTRONIC TOWN MEETING
VOTING EQUIPMENT**

VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the sum of \$35,000 be and hereby is appropriated for the purchase or lease of electronic voting equipment for use at Town Meeting, said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager after consultation with the Capital Planning Committee.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 55 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

ARTICLE 56 APPROPRIATION/FISCAL STABILITY

STABILIZATION FUND

**VOTED: (MAJORITY VOTE) (TWO-THIRDS TOWN
MEETING MEMBERS VOTING IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE)
(QUORUM PRESENT)**

That the sum of \$4,275,363 be appropriated to the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of future town meetings.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 56 of the Warrant for the
Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 14, 2014.**

ATTEST:

Town Clerk